

***KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE
MEETING***

***June 19-20, 2002
Yurok Tribal Office
Weitchpec, CA***

FINAL MINUTES

June 19, 2002

KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING:

California Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry	Dave Bitts
California Department of Fish and Game	Neil Manji
California In-River Sport Fishing Community	Kent Bulfinch
Del Norte County	Not represented
Hoopa Valley Tribe	Mike Orcutt (alternate)
Humboldt County	Paul Kirk, Vice Chair
Karuk Tribe	Ron Reed (alternate)
Klamath County	Steve West
Klamath Tribe	Not represented
National Marine Fisheries Service	Irma Lagomarsino (alternate)
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Keith Wilkinson
Siskiyou County	Joan Smith
Trinity County	Chris Erikson
US Department of Agriculture	Not represented
US Department of the Interior	John Engbring, Chair
Yurok Tribe	Dave Hillemeier

Agendum 1. Convene and Opening Remarks

John Engbring opened the meeting by thanking Phil Detrich for acting as Chair for the February meeting in Smith River, CA. He noted it was his first absence since assuming the Chair of the Task Force. Chuck Blackburn, Del Norte County, Margaret Bolland, Department of Agriculture, and Allen Foreman, Klamath Tribe, were absent. Chris Erikson, Trinity County, arrived after Agendum 2. Laurie Simons noted that the following former members should be commended for their work on the Task Force: Mike Rode, Elwood Miller, Don Russell, and Don Reck. Joan Smith suggested presenting certificates to these former members at the October 2002 Task Force meeting in Klamath Falls, OR. Paul Kirk will serve as Vice-Chair at that meeting.

John Engbring discussed recent Klamath Basin activity, including FERC relicensing, the \$50 million Farm Bill, the NAS interim report and the Trinity supplemental EIS, which is in litigation with a hearing scheduled for late summer 2002. Paul Kirk, Vice Chair, remarked that it was beautiful to be at the Yurok Tribal Offices.

****Assignment** YFWO will invite former members Mike Rode, Elwood Miller, Don Russell, and Don Reck, to the October 2002 Task Force meeting in order to present them with certificates of appreciation.**

Agendum 2 Business

Agendum 2a. Adoption of Agenda

John Engbring said Linden Brooks, NRCS, would not be able to speak until the following day, therefore Agendum 4 was moved to the Agendum 18 time. He said Agendum 18 would be cancelled if Ronnie Pierce did not attend. Members introduced themselves to the audience.

****Motion** Keith Wilkinson moved to adopt the amended agenda.**

****Second** Joan Smith seconded the motion.**

****Motion Passed** unanimously.**

Agendum 2b. Adoption of Minutes from October 2001 and February 2002 Meetings

Members were given copies of the October 2001 minutes to be approved the following morning. The following changes were made to the February 2002 minutes: Phil Detrich noted a change to Agendum 9, 1st paragraph, to now read "Phil Detrich said he and FWS staff in Yreka and DOI solicitors in Sacramento reviewed documents...". Paul Kirk noted a change to Agendum 2b, Motion, to read "Dave Hillemeier moved to defer approval of the October 2001 minutes to the June Task Force meeting." Mike Orcutt noted a change to Agendum 17c, 4th sentence, to read "...the DOI plans to produce a supplemental EIS." The word "deficiencies" should be deleted.

****Motion** Keith Wilkinson moved to approve the February 2002 minutes as amended.**

****Second** Paul Kirk seconded the motion.**

****Motion Passed** unanimously.**

Note: The following changes and motion regarding the October 2001 minutes were made on June 20, but are part of Agendum 2b. Irma Lagomarsino noted a change to Agendum 5a to read "...will prioritize limiting factors during phase 1 of recovery planning." The following sentence should read "...a TRT for So. Oregon/No. California coast coho ." The last sentence should read "...once TRTs have completed Phase 1 of recovery planning." Under Agendum 5d, first sentence, delete the words "this is" and insert "the petition action may be warranted. Under Agendum 12b, second paragraph, first sentence, the date 1997 should be changed to 1993. Agendum 13, first paragraph, should be changed to read "this is a five-year study." Mike Orcutt noted in Agendum 6c, the figure \$10.12 million should be changed to \$10.15 million. Dave Hillemeier noted the following changes: Agendum 12a, 4th paragraph, delete last sentence regarding flows; Agendum 13, 4th paragraph, change last sentence to read "Dave Hillemeier said a study should be conducted to assess the genetic structure of coho populations in the Basin."

****Motion** Keith Wilkinson moved to approve the October 2001 minutes as amended.**

****Second** Paul Kirk seconded the motion.**

****Motion Passed** unanimously.**

Agendum 3. Brief review of last meeting actions/general correspondence/program update

Laurie Simons reviewed the list of assignments and motions from the February 2002 meeting. She and Task Force members commented on the assignments, as follows:

Agendum 5a – It was decided to invite Linden Brooks, NRCS, to speak on the Farm Bill.

Agendum 12 – Paul Kirk said he did contact Simpson Timber Company about doing a presentation to the Task Force. They would like to wait until after the public comment period. Dave Hillemeier suggested that TWG review the HCP; however, the Task Force will not meet before the comment deadline in September. It was decided to discuss this with Dan Gale during Agendum 14.

Agendum 12 – This is placed on Agendum 14.

Agendum 12 – Dan Gale will address this issue during Agendum 14.

Agendum 19 – Phil Detrich and John Engbring discussed this. John Engbring explained that setting the budget is complicated by a 2004 flat budget year and the priority of homeland security. Mike Orcutt discussed continuing to press for the \$3 million add-on. It was decided to place this issue on the agenda for the October 2002 meeting.

Agendum 21a – This was not done, and BOR is not going to speak at this meeting.

Agendum 21h – This was placed on Agendum 12 for today.

Laurie Simons reviewed correspondence received and sent since the last meeting. These include the letter to Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, requesting final \$3 million, the reply signed by CNO supervisor, Steve Thompson, in Sacramento, dated May 14, 2002, and the Table of Task Force Unspent and Incomplete Projects 3-years old and older as of June 11, 2002 (*See Handouts Agendum 3*). She noted that the Great Northern Riparian Evaluation Final Report is overdue and \$4,284.20 funding for this was discontinued. The U.S. Forest Service Draft Final Report that was noted as overdue has been received. She also noted that the Forest Service had provided the Update on Anadromous Fishery Restoration Efforts by USDA, dated May 13, 2002 (*See Handout Agendum 12*). Dave Hillemeier noted that calling a report a Final Report is erroneous, as these are living documents; Laurie Simons noted that the terminology is linked to ensuring that the contract or agreement obligations have been fully met. The product may not be final, but the report is final when all obligations are met. Joan Smith said she would speak with Great Northern Corp. about finalizing the report on Project HR-24. Laurie Simons said new FACA regulations call for Task Force minutes to be certified within 90 days of the meeting. John Engbring said this will be done via e-mail. John Engbring discussed how budgets have continued to be flat even though he has requested increases. Mike Orcutt and others agreed that the Task Force needs to discuss what they can do to get more funding and sponsor a bill at the next meeting.

****Assignment** Joan Smith will speak to a Great Northern Corp. representative about finalizing the report on HR-24.**

****Assignment** YFWO will place a discussion of reauthorization of the Klamath Act on the October 2002 meeting agenda. Options to recover the unappropriated \$3 million in funding will be discussed.**

Agendum 4

Ronnie Pierce was not available to speak, therefore this topic was cancelled.

Agendum 5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agendum 6. Status of Klamath Project Operations and Consultations

Dave Sabo, Bureau of Reclamation, was unable to attend. Task Force members discussed BOR's recently proposed project operations, including a fish screen installation at A Canal and a fish passage facility at Link River Dam. The BOR changed to a 10-year operation plan instead of a single-year plan, which provided more flexibility and certainty. The final for Reasonable Prudent Alternatives for suckers have three major elements: 1) a 50% exceedence instead of 70% exceedence to determine year type, 2) reduce entrainment of suckers at Link River Dam, and 3) continue to look at factors affecting water quality and fish die-offs in the upper lake.

Irma Lagomarsino said the Draft Hardy Phase 2 report and NAS report were factored into NMFS' jeopardy BO. NMFS' BO concluded that the BOR proposed action presented more risk to coho than the NAS report recommendations, and that resulted in up to a 57% reduction in coho fry habitat which was not acceptable. After long discussions, NMFS and BOR came up with RPAs for coho that recognize the

Klamath Project is responsible for a portion of the coho impacts and that water needs to be provided by other responsible parties also. The BO is good for 10 years, but reinitiation will occur as new information becomes available.

Irma Lagomarsino discussed three phases of the RPA:

Phase One: This runs now to 2005. BOR will be initially required to provide increasing amounts of additional flow through use of a water bank, water leasing and groundwater development, among other options. A Conservation Implementation Committee will be convened that will be composed of representatives from BOR, NMFS, FWS, BIA, Tribes, California, and Oregon. This group will oversee the establishment of a Science Review Panel, provide oversight to the identification and implementation of actions beyond the operation of the Klamath Project to supplement mainstem flows, and improve habitat conditions for salmon. A Science Review Panel will be convened to identify relevant research that needs to be conducted, better understand flow needs of the salmon, and oversee implementation of the studies.

Phase 2: Dates are 2006-2009. BOR will be responsible to provide their proportional share of the long-term flows.

Phase 3: By 2010, it is expected that long-term flows will be met in the river. If they are not met through Project or other sources, consultation will be reopened. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report assumed that main-stem habitat is not limited for coho fry. New information that was not available to the NAS indicating that smolts may be affected by low flows. The initial required flows use the coho fry curve as a surrogate for coho smolts. By 2006, BOR will change how it characterizes water year types and consider increments such as five-water year types. John Engbring said these are critical documents that will determine what happens for years. Joan Smith said there should be county government representation on the Conservation Implementation Committee. Irma Lagomarsino said she will bring that comment back and that NMFS invites comments from everyone on the final BO.

Kent Bulfinch asked about screening on the A Canal and said this would be an expensive installation if it doesn't work. John Engbring said he was not sure if sucker larvae would be screened out, but screening adults and larger juveniles would prevent the loss of tens of thousands of fish annually. He said improving water quality in Klamath Lake must be addressed. The issue of the Clean Water Act being part of BOR's operations was discussed: Irma Lagomarsino said that TMDLs are more important to this process. She added that the effect of Copco and Iron Gate Dams was not addressed. Dave Hillemeier said the Yurok Tribe has serious concerns about the NAS interim report, and these comments are available for review. He added that BOR must provide sufficient flow for Tribal trust species. John Engbring said he believes BOR would provide 20,000 acre feet beyond the BO for Tribal Trust. Irma Lagomarsino said she could not comment on whether 20,000 acre feet is sufficient to meet Tribal Trust, and she is not sure if BOR has that water currently. Dave Hillemeier noted that 20,000 acre feet is not sufficient, but it's a start. He said that legal mandates are being ignored and the needs of one group are being sacrificed for another group. Mike Orcutt asked what happens when there is a violation of the BO. Irma Lagomarsino said one option is to reinitiate consultation with BOR if the obligations of the RPA are not met. Another option for non-compliance is to pull the Incidental Take Statement. Dave Bitts asked about the consequences of that; the reply was that this opens up risk of litigation from outside parties. Paul Kirk asked how agencies respond if the next NAS report contains new information. John Engbring said if the final NAS report provided significant new information, this would trigger reinitiation of the BO, as provided under Section 7.

Neil Manji asked and Irma Lagomarsino replied that NMFS prepared a document required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act analyzing the Project's effect on coho and other species and concluded the effects were adverse to EFH. NMFS' recommendations were to implement the RPA and when Phase 2 Report comes out in final form, BOR should reinitiate EFH consultation with NMFS. BOR is not obligated to implement these recommendations but must respond, explaining why it is not doing so.

Agendum 7. Klamath Watershed Coordination Group**Agendum 7a. Klamath Basin Compact Commission**

Dwight Russell, California representative on the Compact Commission, spoke about the May 17 meeting in Klamath Falls, which featured groundwater experts. He said Oregon is continuing its groundwater study. California funded \$1million to study the issue; that study closes June 30th and will be available. The drilling program resulted in 10 wells, producing 10,000 gallons per minute, which provided sufficient water for groundcover crops. All 20,000 acres under USDA/NRCS watershed protection program were watered. He stressed this is only an interim solution. He then introduced Bill Bennett, DWR's new Klamath River specialist.

Task Force Comment

Dave Hillemeier asked about groundwater contamination of heavy metals. Dwight Russell said studies showed elevated ammonia but no metals contamination. However, there were temperature problems in wells in Tule Lake side refuge and the lower Klamath Lake refuge well had metal problems.

Mike Orcutt asked about study objectives and whether these are available for public review. Dwight Russell said yes he can provide the scope of work.

Steve West said he has concerns about municipal water supply issues and the effects of deep groundwater drilling in Oregon. Dwight Russell said recording meters were used to test changes in water levels in nearby municipalities when wells were turned on; as issues came up, the Compact resolved them. Water was trucked to people whose wells went dry.

Joan Smith said the Compact worked together well, especially in Malin, to develop solutions. She stressed groundwater drilling must be for emergency use only. Dwight Russell said the five-year study needs funding, since initial funding ends June 30th.

Agendum 7b. Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group

Jim Carpenter explained that his group is in the pre-planning phase of its restoration plan and has developed an interim report. The group is seeking funding to write the plan, and continues to meet monthly. He expressed the group's desire to continue meeting jointly with the Task Force. He pointed out the letter written to President Bush by Sen. Smith and Sen. Wyden requesting a scoping session in the Klamath Basin before the Farm Bill is implemented. The \$50 million in Farm Bill will be for the Klamath Basin down to Iron Gate Dam. They also requested a further \$125 million for conservation and other large projects, including possible removal of Chiloquin Dam. Jim Carpenter then discussed his idea of a "good for the watershed seal" for the Klamath Basin that businesses could use after approval by a stakeholder group. It would be beneficial to have something like this to "take all the way to the bank".

Task Force Comment

Steve West said Hatfield Group co-chairs Marshall Staunton and Mark Stern requested a joint meeting at the Task Force's October meeting.

Ron Reed said he was concerned that restoration efforts stop at Iron Gate Dam and that there is no overlap between the science above and below the Dam. He said we need a mechanism that equally weighs Tribal concerns and traditions with "going to the bank".

John Engbring said he believes the Presidential Task Force for the Klamath Basin has not contacted the Task Force. Steve West said that the four secretaries on the Task Force meet regularly. Phil Detrich suggested inviting them to the joint meeting in October.

****Assignment** YFWO will draft a letter of invitation to the Presidential Task Force to speak at the October Task Force meeting. The letter will state that this will be a joint meeting of the upper and lower Klamath Basin groups.**

****Assignment** YFWO will place a joint session with the Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group on the agenda for the October 2002 meeting in Klamath Falls. The session may include a field trip/social event.**

Agendum 7c. Trinity Management Council

Mike Orcutt gave a brief update. New Executive Director Doug Schleussner is convening a scientific staff in Weaverville to implement ROD Trinity Restoration Program. Currently, appointments are being made to the 22-member stakeholder group. This year, \$10.15 million was budgeted for restoration activities. There was a scoping hearing in May regarding the supplemental EIS. In April, the Hoopa Valley and Yurok Tribes sought relief from the injunction ordered by the judge last year. The Tribes argued flushing flows are needed to regenerate riparian seed beds, as described in the ROD. The judge issued a ruling allowing an additional 100,000 acre-feet (AF) of water be released for fishery restoration purposes. Thus, the total release in the 2002 water year was 468,600 AF. The Tribes had argued that the 'normal year' flows prescribed in the Trinity ROD (Total volume 646,500 AF) be released. Further, the judge vacated his stay in proceedings issued in October 2001, and scheduled a hearing for 20 August 2002. He is expected to issue an opinion regarding Trinity stream flows shortly after the hearing. Mike Orcutt said the Tribes were pleased to receive water, but disappointed they didn't receive the water subscribed under ROD. Mike Orcutt thanked Humboldt County, the environmental folks in Sacramento Valley, and the commercial industry for working together to come to solutions.

Task Force Comment

John Engbring asked about flows. Mike Orcutt said if the ROD is implemented, flows would peak at 11,000 cfs (under and extremely wet water year); however, peak flows in excess of approximately 6,000 cfs cannot be released until several bridges in the upper Trinity basin are raised. Mike Orcutt said the impact of flushing flows on river recontouring is being studied. Neil Manji said increased flows would result in morphology changes as well as a scouring of riparian growth.

Agendum 8. Public Comment

David Arwood, KFA, said it is important to note which tribes the Task Force and agencies are referring to, as it is clear to him that not all tribes are always consulted.

Felice Pace, KFA, said that he believes the BOR's BA acts upon a legal theory that is at odds with court decisions. He discussed water bank purchase issues, and said KFA maintains the public should not be paying for water they have a right to. He said NMFS' BO is good on biology and its request for necessary studies, but that it accepts the invalid belief that BOR is only responsible for water for agriculture. He urged the Task Force to start thinking about what kind of measures can be taken to address water quality. Felice Pace said the TF should consider whether they want to reauthorize the Klamath Act the way it is. He said the fisheries are likely to change, fish passage may occur through Iron Gate Dam and the Iron Gate hatchery could become a spring Chinook recovery hatchery. He recommended that the Task Force speak with congressional representatives to see how its goals/reauthorization fit in with potential Klamath River Basin legislation. He said the Task Force needs to ask the Administration and Federal Working Group if they intend to sponsor legislation, and, if not, find Congressmen to come give their ideas on what they think is needed.

Agendum 9. Report from the Klamath Fishery Management Council

Paul Kirk said fishing has begun in some areas. Keith Wilkinson outlined the chart of fishery declines/increases over the past 20 years to demonstrate the magnitude of impacts on coastal economies. Troll fishing community income was \$12 million on average for 1976-1990, and only \$1.25 million in 2002. Recreational fishery income was average \$5.5 million from 1976-1990 and only \$1.7 million in 2002. Dave Bitts said the coho constraints are difficult, coho must be released and no more than 10% of coho caught can be killed while trying to catch Chinook. In San Francisco, the season opened May 1st with large fish, but the weather has been problematic. Neil Manji said CDFG in-river regulations developed this year call for a quota of 20,500, which is the second largest number ever for in-river sport take. Fall Chinook harvest regulations are the same as 2001, with an added clause in the regulations that states CDFG will not close the river mouth if the quota is not met. Paul Kirk said ocean recreational fishing is heavily impacted this year by coho constraints also; last year they had 16 days in July to fish and this year only 2.

Agendum 10. Report from Arcata FWO on Flow Study and Other Field Studies

Bruce Halstead, Arcata FWO, said teams in the Trinity River are looking at the effects of 6,000 cfs flows. He said funding is being sought to study the foothill yellow-legged frogs, which prefer warm water and are not massing in colder areas of the river. He also discussed fish stranding and said fish ramping is being studied. On the Klamath side, Arcata FWO is working with the Karuk Tribe to estimate the population of Pacific lamprey. Working with the Karuk and Hoopa Valley Tribes, the agency is using \$65,000 funding to study green sturgeon on Klamath River. So far, 13 green sturgeon have been tagged; he said this is the first detailed study of green sturgeon in years.

Bruce Halstead then discussed the Flow Study and said much of the funding will go to water quality studies as recommended by the Klamath Flow Study Advisory Group. He discussed the fish monitoring network and fish kill course. The Arcata FWO is also working with the Karuk Tribe and Salmon River Restoration Council to discover the reason for the lack of spring Chinook in the Salmon River, which otherwise seems to be in good condition. The group hypothesizes that the mainstem is the problem.

He discussed work with the Scott River Watershed Council to gather stream gage data, and the funding of the Scott River RCD and Shasta CRMP to do habitat typing to fold into Hardy's Phase 2 study.

He then spoke on screwtrap data. He said juvenile coho and steelhead catches are up on Klamath River, with steelhead more than double of last 11 years. Below Bogus Creek on I-5 less than 75 coho were caught in previous years; this year more than 5,000 coho were caught, almost all of them younger than one year. At the Big Bar trap, running since 1992, the coho long-term average is 64 fish; this year so far, 194 have been caught. The spring Chinook average is 18,000; this year so far only 6,000 have been caught. Average steelhead is 325; this year 727 fish have been caught. Average green sturgeon caught is 110; this year only 33 juveniles have been caught but the screwtrap is still running. On Trinity River coho numbers are 623 and Chinook is down to 7,000; the average is 30,000. No sturgeon have been caught in the Trinity River trap.

He discussed the Fish Disease Study, in which hatchery fish were put in live boxes along I-5, near Scott, Seiad, and Beaver Creek on May 22. *Ceratomyxa shasta* did not show up until Beaver Creek

Task Force Comment

Kent Bulfinch asked how Flow Study interacts with endangered species flow requirements. Bruce Halstead said coho fry are being tracked at different flows as they come out of gravel, and the resulting information can be used to develop recommended flows. John Engbring said NMFS has not used the Flow Study because it is in early stages, but the information being collected could be useful for completing future BOs and BAs.

Dave Bitts asked if there were any problems with the screw traps. Bruce Halstead said water temperature rose to 70 degrees in the Klamath River and increasing algae will soon prevent use of the screwtraps for much longer.

In response to a question by Steve West, Bruce Halstead said that the Arcata FWO oversees the Flow Study, but some work is being done in the Klamath Falls and Yreka FWS offices, both above and below Iron Gate Dam.

Mike Orcutt asked how much funding is being spent on water quality. Bruce Halstead said about half.

In response to a comment by Keith Wilkinson, Bruce Halstead said screwtrap numbers do contribute to an overall picture of the Klamath Basin conditions. Dave Hillemeier suggested passing on these number to the NAS.

Public Comment

Denver Nelson, citizen, asked whether increased Trinity River flows are due to more water from the lake and not because of decreased diversions. Mike Orcutt said it was due to taking more water from storage at both Trinity and Shasta lakes. Chris Erikson said this is having an impact on Trinity Lake recreational use.

Petey Brucker, Salmon River Restoration Council, said his group is developing a voluntary Salmon River Spring Chinook Recovery Work Group. The group's next meeting is July 25, after the Spring Chinook Dive. He said one goal is to secure Salmon River Spring Chinook as a source population for Klamath River Spring Chinook restoration. The group is creating a water monitoring committee to oversee the TMDL process and water temperature monitoring.

Felice Pace, KFA, commended efforts by Jim Carpenter, Stephanie Carpenter and Alice Kilham on the Hatfield Group's plan. He said the California legislation should have been co-written with the Oregon delegation. He said he foresees a struggle for control of the \$50 million funding and suggested the Task Force support the Hatfield Working Group's Work Plan. He said he is pleased that the issue of declining spring Chinook is being studied.

Agendum 11. Brief Updates and Announcements

Agendum 11a. Possible State Listing of coho

Neil Manji referred to *Status Review of California Coho Salmon North of San Francisco: Report to the California Fish and Game Commission*, and said the CDFG is recommending coho south of Punte Gorda be listed as endangered and north of Punte Gorda as threatened. CDFG will present their recommendations at the Commission meeting in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, in late June. In July, the Commission will hear testimony, and will take action at the August meeting.

Task Force Comment

Irma Lagomarsino asked about protection of candidate species and was told that coho would be placed under the 2084 incidental take requirements. Once a species is fully listed, the incidental take process is re-evaluated.

Agendum 11b. Update on Recovery Planning

Irma Lagomarsino said NMFS/NW Region is using its Transboundary Technical Recovery Team (TRT) to develop recovery goals for the Oregon coastal coho ESU. Her concern is that this could slow down

goals of coho recovery, although some think it will speed up the process. The group, which meets monthly, is probably 18 months away from developing recovery goals and completing Phase 1.

Agendum 12. Updates on Klamath River anadromous fish restoration activities in 2002 and activities proposed for 2003

California Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry

Dave Bitts explained that the salmon fishing industry historically has generated about \$1 million for restoration projects through tax on licenses. However, a decline in permits has resulted in only \$100,000 currently for restoration funds annually. Half of the available funding goes to the Central Valley and half outside of it in California. This year more went to the Klamath Basin. The Coastal Fisheries Associations are active politically helping to develop legislation for salmon, and as a watchdog for actions affecting salmon.

California Department of Fish and Game

Neil Manji referred members to a handout (*See Handout Agendum 12*) outlining the restoration proposals that were funded by the California Department of Fish and Game within the Klamath River basin for FY 2001/2002. Out of \$20 million for the whole state, \$4.6 million has been allocated to the Klamath River basin, with \$600,000 for the Trinity River and \$4 million for the Klamath River portions.

Task Force Comment

Dave Hillemeier asked whether CDFG restoration grant information is given to TWG before its ranking of proposals. Neil Manji said no, the information was not completed yet, but they may be able to get it earlier in the future. Laurie Simons said a list of all previously funded projects was passed out at the February TF meeting, and the best coordination is done at the watershed council level. Irma Lagomarsino said there should be more cohesiveness to the process given the high level of attention focused on the Klamath Basin, and suggested a data clearinghouse. She would like to see in integration of all the trend monitoring, restoration projects and planning. Steve West concurred and recommended a single report stating all of the accomplishments/funded projects to date. Laurie Simons said TWG was asked to recommend how projects should be monitored. Dave Hillemeier said it would be useful for the TWG to have a list of funded restoration grants. Phil Detrich said funds in next year's budget could be set aside to develop a consolidated list of all Basin projects. Chris Erikson suggested a monitoring project in each county.

Paul Kirk mentioned that \$23 million has been spent in Humboldt County in 12 years on restoration from all sources. The state's restoration funding is \$200 million total.

Keith Wilkinson noted that the Oregon Water Enhancement Board's coordination with SW Oregon resource managers is highly effective and could be modeled.

Dave Bitts said the job would have to be a full-time dedicated position, and suggested the Task Force ask TWG to explore how much effort would be needed to compile such a list.

Public Comment

Bill Bennett, California Department of Water Resources, said most of this historic information is on KRIS and perhaps KRIS is the vehicle to track funded projects in the Klamath Basin.

Dave Webb, Shasta CRMP, said KRIS is more of a summary form and said his group turned in a request for funding for a comprehensive GIS database of the more than 200 projects in Shasta Valley since 1988. Included would be dollar amounts, source, contractors, physical location, before-and-after photos, etc. He

said Humboldt State University compiled information in 1997, mostly on CDFG and FWS grants, but doesn't believe anything further was done. The information needs to come from the local level.

Jim Carpenter, Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group, noted that on page 3 of the letter to President Bush (*See Informational Handout*), there was a request for a summary of actions taken in the last decade in the Klamath Basin.

Petey Brucker, SRRC, said that Laurie has been asking the subbasins to get this together for 1 ½ years. We are working on lists. Dave is talking about something more comprehensive.

Felice Pace said a list of projects must include accountability. He said KFA recommends that an independent evaluation system be built into every project. Implementation and effectiveness monitoring that tells us what is working and what isn't.

California In-River Sport Fishing Community

Kent Bulfinch spoke briefly and said his group believes salmon education is important. Interfacing with the private sector is important as is support for the school coordinators. We also need to increase our attention on harvest. We need to make sure not more hatchery fish are in the ocean than the ocean can support.

Hoopa Valley Tribe

Mike Orcutt spoke about the Tribe receiving salmon recovery dollars through Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission. He discussed the importance of the Salmon Camp proposal, a pioneering educational program for salmon issues. This year's proposal will bring Salmon Camp to the entire basin.

Humboldt County

Paul Kirk briefly described the county's restoration projects. Their Public Works Department has many projects working on fish passage, and Humboldt County is very involved in the Five Counties Project.

Karuk Tribe

Ron Reed said Ronnie Pierce discussed the Tribe's road decommissioning projects at the last meeting, and added that the Tribe is exploring drilling wells to pipe enough water into side channels and pools to raise fish until they are big enough to be released. He also asked if we are measuring increases in fish numbers resulting from the wells being drilled in the upper basin.

National Marine Fisheries Service

Irma Lagomarsino said the state of California will receive more than \$16.9 million for the coast, compared to \$15 million last year. \$1.4 goes to the Klamath River Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission. \$50,000 will fund a position to manage grants and do Section 7 consultation.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Keith Wilkinson spoke briefly about the Enhancement and Rehabilitation Program, which has been funded through license fees and troll poundage fees since the 1980s.

Siskiyou County

Joan Smith said Siskiyou County is heavily involved in FERC relicensing process, which will take five years. RAC received 52 proposals and funded 15 projects, including habitat restoration, fish screening,

brush removal, noxious weed projects, etc. \$300,000 in projects were funded, and the base of people applying for grants has been broadened. She also mentioned AmeriCorps Stewardship's successful Chinook carcass survey program.

Klamath County

Steve West said that the Rural Schools and Forest Counties legislation is funding restoration projects on USFS and BLM land. Projects include road projects with USFS and bridge improvement projects for areas with healthy bull trout populations.

Trinity County

Chris Erikson said Trinity County is involved in many of the same activities as the other counties including the Five County Process and RAC projects which include road restoration work, road decommissioning on USFS land, and culvert replacements. He mentioned a program that allows private landowners to sell timber that has been harvested, making it profitable for landowners to participate in area-wide fuel breaks.

US Department of the Interior

John Engbring spoke about USFWS activities and funding for 2002 and 2003 and said Task Force projects will be funded at the same rate for both years, with no confirmation of additional funding. In addition, \$750,000 for the Flow Study for both years is expected and about \$200,000 each from Jobs In the Woods and Partners for Fish and Wildlife programs each year. The DOI funds about \$1 million for restoration projects in the upper Basin.

US Department of Agriculture

Members were referred to the updated USDA projects list. (*See Handout Agendum 12.*)

Agendum 13. Public Comment

Felice Pace, KFA, said that sub-basin plans originally were to identify limiting factors and then develop strategies to address them. Then we could look to see if the projects address these limiting factors. It's been hard to get there. Then he recommended that the Task Force invite Aaron Douglas, USGS in Colorado, to discuss his extensive research on the economic value of conservation measures. Felice Pace also spoke on the California Wilderness Bill, sponsored by Sen. Barbara Boxer, and referred members to his informational handouts on the connection between wilderness areas and healthy salmon populations.

Stephanie Carpenter, Hatfield Upper Working Group, discussed her role with SOLV (Save Oregon from Litter and Vandalism) and other ongoing clean-up projects.

Petey Brucker, SRCC, mentioned his group's Noxious Weed program and referred members to the card identifying these weeds.

Recess

June 20, 2002 - Reconvene

Steve West and Chris Erikson were not present. Laurie Simons read new FACA regulations regarding minutes, and members agreed with electronic mailing and approval of the minutes to speed the process.

Agendum 14. Report from Technical Work Group: FY 2003 Project Ranking and Work Plan Recommendations

Dan Gale discussed TWG's interaction with sub-basin coordinators to facilitate better communication. He said Category 2 Sub-basin Planning agreements should include a provision that requires two written semiannual reports, including a description of their progress in the following three areas: 1) current sub-basin plan status, 2) description of coordination activities (workshops, meetings, etc.), and 3) description of efforts to obtain alternative funding for sub-basin activities. One of the two semiannual reports should be presented in person and should include a detailed annual update of the sub-basin's plan. Yreka is recommended as the meeting place for this in-person report.

Dan Gale said TWG met in late May and early June to rank many FY 2003 funding proposals (See Handout Agendum 14). He outlined the following funding recommendations from the TWG:

Category 1. TWG recommended funding the top seven projects, HR-10 through HR-07 on the list.

Category 2. TWG recommended funding \$25,000 for each sub-basin, plus funding PC-02 at \$15,000 to help the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council to establish an additional sub-basin group in the mid-Klamath, as this encompasses such a vast area.

Category 3. TWG recommended funding the top eight projects, FP-03 through FP-07.

He said TWG did not assume set aside funding for a joint meeting with the Hatfield Working Group. He said TWG recommended seed funding for the Big Bar Trap and the Spring Chinook Age Composition projects. TWG also noted that the representative for the Siskiyou County educational project indicated that they could make due with reduced funding.

Task Force Comment

Mike Orcutt asked and was told PC-02 would be a one-time funded project.

Members discussed FP-11. Dan Gale said TWG felt the Spawner Survey collected essential megatable data, although some members had concerns about increasing the funding. Neil Manji said momentum will be lost if the Spawner Survey is not funded.

Kent Bulfinch asked whether the Siskiyou County Office of Education project would occur with less funding. Dan Gale said that their representative said they could operate under less funding.

Dave Bitts asked about FP-08 regarding *Ceratomyxa shasta*. Bruce Halstead said the disease has been found above Beaver Creek before and it was unusual that it was not found this year. Dan Gale said it has been estimated that half of outmigrants are not surviving because of this disease, and added that TWG supports this project because of the high quality and relatively low cost of the program.

Dan Gale clarified for Joan Smith that sub-basin presentations used to be on TWG's meeting agenda, and that TWG is trying to formalize the coordination process in Category 2. Yreka was chosen as a meeting site as it is more convenient for the two sub-basin coordinators who are not TWG members.

Members discussed merits of a master database of all restoration projects to improve integration and coordination of projects. It was decided that the TWG needs to look into how this could feasibly be done.

****Assignment** YFWO will place a discussion by TWG on establishing a master database of all funded Klamath Basin restoration projects on the October Task Force meeting agenda. TWG should look at different ways to accomplish this goal.**

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the Vice-Chair after Task Force members' consent, and then submitted to the federal agencies before the mid-September comment deadline.

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Agendum 15. Report from Budget Committee

John Engbring reviewed the FY 2003 Budget Allocation of the Task Force. (*See Handout Agendum 15*). The Administrative Subtotal was \$421,300. The Budget Committee generally concurred with TWG recommendations but added three changes: FP-12 and FP-10 should receive seed money and funds should be set aside for one possible joint meeting with the Hatfield Group. Funds for those could be obtained by reducing funds for E-03 (by \$10,000) and FP-11 (by \$15,000).

Task Force Comment

Keith Wilkinson and Joan Smith questioned the productivity of meetings with the Hatfield Group, but said a Klamath Falls meeting in October would be more cost-effective. They recommended setting aside funds for one potential meeting with the codicil that funds would be released for other projects if not used by May 1, 2003.

Mike Orcutt said he was concerned about tapping into limited Task Force funds for sub-basin planning or additional joint meetings. More important, he said, should be discussion of the \$15,000 for the Mid-Klamath.

Irma Lagomarsino questioned paying overtime to USFS when other entities, such as the Tribes and sub-basins, are not being compensated for overtime. Several members agreed. Neil Manji said a USFS representative should discuss this, but none were present. Dan Gale reiterated the importance of the spawning survey data and said the Six Rivers area should also be covered.

Joan Smith said that PC-11 should be funded as there needs to be a central data bank for restoration project information; KRIS does not include all the vital information.

Neil Manji asked if \$10,000 would be enough for seed funding for the Big Bar Trap projects. Bruce Halstead said if Big Bar only receives \$10,000, he would look for other funding sources, possibly the BOR or PacifiCorps.

Agendum 16. Public Comment on Proposed FY2003 Work Plan

Petey Brucker, Salmon River Restoration Council, said the Task Force should coordinate with other funding sources so as to stretch its own \$1 million budget. He suggested that all funding entities should bring a list of pending proposals to the next TWG meeting.

Agendum 17. Task Force Decision on FY2003 Work Plan

The Task Force accepted TWG proposals, with the following exception: reduce funding of E03 by \$11,000 and FP-11 by \$15,000. The resulting \$26,000 would be split into the following: \$10,000 to fund Big Bar, \$10,000 for Spring Chinook and \$6,000 to be set aside for a potential joint Task Force-Upper Basin meeting, with the understanding that if not spent by May 1st that \$6,000 would fund either the highest priority project or be returned to either E-03 or FP-11.

Members discussed the issue of extra Task Force meetings. Paul Kirk said it is likely at least one joint meeting will be needed, but unused funds should go to FP-10 or FP-12. Joan Smith agreed but said

unused meeting funds should fund PC-11 as a database of Klamath Basin projects is vital. Laurie Simons said constraints on returned funds state they must be used for a similar project, although the proposers can be changed. John Engbring said TWG should give direction on how returned funds are used, and more discussion will be needed at a later date.

Public Comment

David Arwood, KFA, said he felt it is unfair to place one project above others that have not been funded.

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****Motion** Keith Wilkinson moved to accept the Proposed FY2003 Work Plan as recommended by TWG, except for an \$11,000 reduction in E-03 and \$15,000 reduction in FP-11. Of this funding, \$10,000 would go to FP-10, \$10,000 would go to FP-12 and \$6,000 would be set aside for a potential special Task Force meeting, possibly with the Hatfield Upper Basin Working Group. If this \$6,000 is not spent by May 1st, 2003, it would be equally distributed among FP-12 and FP-10. Any unspent funds from projects would be spent on PC-11.**

****Second** Paul Kirk seconded the motion.**

****Motion Passed** with Mike Orcutt abstaining.**

Agendum 18. Discussion of Application of 2002 Farm Bill Funding and Potential for Additional Funding for Restoration Objectives

Linden Brooks, Red Bluff NRCS, gave a brief history of the new 2002 Farm Bill and how it differs from the 1996 Farm Bill. He said NRCS provides technical help to private landowners through its Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs). He said the program goal is to get 15% of farmland into wildlife habitat. Now \$400 million will be available, an increase of \$200 million; however, the new rules are not out yet.

He explained the new Farm Bill does not call for geographic priority areas, and there will be changes in eligibility, acreage and dollar amounts. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), which encourages farmers and growers to plant fields as buffers, is still available. He said the Wetlands Enrollment Pilot Program is being expanded to all states. The Wetlands Reserve Program has increased its acreage to 2.275 million acres and all states.

A major change is in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. (EQIP). He outlined EQIP's \$25 million Ground and Surface Water Conservation program for the Klamath Basin, which includes cost sharing for efficient irrigation systems to conserve ground and surface water. An additional \$50 million was allocated to water conservation activities in the Klamath Basin and runs for the life of the Farm Bill (10 years).

Linden Brooks described the Conservation Security Program, which pays producers who adopt or maintain management, vegetative and land-based structural practices that address one or more resources, such as soil, water or wildlife habitat. Funding is more than \$1 billion.

Programs such as Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Conservation of Private Grazing Lands (CPGL) and Agricultural Management Assistance Program will continue. Producers will be able to contract technical assistance to third-party vendors.

Task Force Comment

In response to a question by John Engbring, Linden Brooks said once the new regulations arrive, the group would begin funding projects. People are being encouraged to submit their conservation plans; the agency is already working with 30 farmers on their plans. He said they review the agreements in public meetings.

Paul Kirk said he was concerned about the bulk of the \$50 million being spent north of IGD, and reiterated the Task Force's position of dealing with the Klamath Basin as a whole entity. Linden Brooks said it was more important to look at the entire \$1.3 billion package of restoration funds, which could be used in the entire region.

Agendum 19. Public Comment

Richard Christie, District Manager, RCD, corrected his contact number to (530) 842-6121.

Agendum 20. Recap of Motions and Assignments.

John Engbring reviewed the summary of motions and assignments, including TWG assignments. He took the opportunity to commend Dan Gale for his presentation and hard work on the TWG.

Agendum 21. Date/Location of Upcoming Task Force Meetings

Task Force meetings in 2003 are: February 19-20 in Brookings, OR, June 18-19 in Eureka, CA and October 22-23 in Yreka, CA. The next Task Force meeting is October 16-17, 2002 in Klamath Falls, OR.

****Assignment** YFWO will send a letter of thanks or certificate of appreciation to the Yurok Tribe for hosting the June 2002 Task Force meeting.**

Adjourn

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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

AFS	American Fisheries Society
BA	Biological Assessment
BC	Budget Committee
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BO	Biological Opinion
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation
BRD	Biological Resources Division
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDWR	California Department of Water Resources
CNO	California Nevada Office
CPUE	Catch-per-unit-effort
CRMP	Coordinated Resource Management Program
CVI	Central Valley Index
CVM	Contingency Valuation Method
CVPIA	Central Valley Project Improvement Act
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
DFG	Department of Fish and Game
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOE	Department of Ecology
DOI	Department of the Interior
EA	Environmental Assessment
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESU	Evolutionarily Significant Unit
F&G Commission	Fish and Game Commission (CA)
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FMP	Fishery Management Plan
FWO	Fish and Wildlife Office
GIS	Geographic Information System
HAWG	Harvest Allocation Working Group
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
I/O	Input/Output
IFIM	Instream Flow Incremental Methodology
IGD	Iron Gate Dam
IGH	Iron Gate Hatchery
KCZ	Klamath Control Zone
KFA	Klamath Forest Alliance
KFMC	Klamath Fishery Management Council
KMZ	Klamath Management Zone
KOHM	Klamath Ocean Harvest Model
KP	Klamath Project
KPOP	Klamath Project Operation Process

KRIS	Klamath Resource Information System
KRSMG	Klamath River Salmon Management Group
KRTT or	Klamath River Technical Team
KRTAT	Klamath River Technical Advisory Team
LCDC	Land Conservation and Development Commission
LIAM	Legal and Institutional Analysis Model
LRP	Long Range Plan
MFCMA	Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MSY	Maximum Sustained Yield
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NEV	Net Economic Value
NCIDC	Northern California Indian Development Council
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPPA	Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWS	National Weather Service
PFMC	Pacific Fishery Management Council
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OFR	Office of Federal Register
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OY	Optimum Yield
PAC	Provincial Advisory Committee
PacFIN	Pacific Coast Fisheries Information Network
PFMC	Pacific Fishery Management Council
PSTA	Pacific Salmon Treaty Act
RAC	Resource Advisory Council
RCD	Resource Conservation District
ROD	Record of Decision
RPA	Reasonable and Prudent Alternative
SAS	Salmon Advisory Subpanel
SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
STT	Salmon Technical Team
TAT	Technical Advisory Team
TCC	Technical Coordinating Committee
TID	Talent Irrigation District
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TMC	Trinity Management Council
TRT	Technical Recovery Team
TWG	Technical Work Group
UBA	Upper Basin Amendment
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
USFS	US Forest Service
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
WCZMP	Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program
WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
WEF	Washington Department of Fisheries
WFA	Women for Agriculture
YFWO	Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office

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FINAL AGENDA

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1. Convene and opening remarks. John Engbring, Chair. Vice Chair for this and next meeting is Paul Kirk, Humboldt County.
2. Business
 - a. Adoption of agenda
 - b. Adoption of minutes from October 2001 and February 2002 meetings
3. Brief review of last meeting actions/general correspondence/program
4. Task Force Review of Recommendations from Mid-term Evaluation Oversight Committee (Cancelled)
5. Public Comment
6. Status of Klamath Project Operations and Consultations
7. Report from Klamath Watershed Coordination Group
 - a. Klamath Basin Compact Commission
 - b. Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group
 - c. Trinity Management Council
8. Public Comment
9. Report from the Klamath Fishery Management Council
10. Report from Arcata FWO on Flow Study and other field studies
11. Brief updates and announcements
 - a. Possible State Listing of coho
 - b. Update on Recovery Planning
12. Updates on Klamath River Anadromous Fish restoration Activities in 2002 and Proposed 2003 Activities.

California Commercial Salmon Fishing Industry
California Department of Fish and Game
California In-River Sport Fishing Community
Hoopa Valley Tribe
Humboldt County
Karuk Tribe

National Marine Fisheries Service
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Siskiyou County
Klamath County
Trinity County
US Department of Interior
US Department of Agriculture

13. Public Comment

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14. Report from Technical Work Group: FY2003 Project Ranking and Work Plan Recommendations

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16. Public Comment Regarding Proposed FY2003 Work Plan

17. Task Force Decision on FY2003 Work Plan

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21. Date/Location of 2003 Task Force Meetings.

Adjourn

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LIST OF HANDOUTS*

Agendum 3	Task Force Letter to DOI Secretary Gale Norton regarding Request for Appropriation of Authorized Funding for the Klamath River Basin Conservation Area Restoration Program, April 2, 2002
Agendum 3	Letter to Paul Kirk/Task Force from Steve Thompson, Manager of the USFW, California/Nevada Operations Office, in Reply to Task Force April 2, 2002 Letter to Secretary Gale Norton, May 14, 2002
Agendum 3	Table, Task Force Unspent and Incomplete Projects 3-Years Old and Older as of June 11, 2002
Agendum 4	Klamath Task Force Subcommittee Recommendations on Mid-Term Review, Revision of the Long-Range Plan Review of Actions Taken Prior to October 11, 2001 (<i>Note: This was changed from Agendum 18, however, this item was cancelled.</i>)
Agendum 11a	Report to the California Fish and Game Commission, Status Review of California Coho Salmon North of San Francisco, April 2002
Agendum 12	Table, Update on Anadromous Fishery Restoration Efforts by USDA
Agendum 12	Table, CDFG Klamath Major Drainage System: Fishery Restoration Grants Funded for FY 2001/2002
Agendum 14	Table, FY 2003 Task Force List of Ranked Proposals
Agendum 14	Other TWG Business – Sub-basin Coordination
Agendum 15	Table, FY 2003 Budget Allocation, Draft June 18, 2002
Agendum 18	2002 Farm Bill and EQIP Geographic Priority Areas

Informational handouts

SLUG Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2002. Spring Chinook Focus Area

Letter to President George W. Bush from Sen. Ron Wyden, Sen. Gordon Smith and Rep. Greg Walden regarding additional Farm Bill funding, dated June 11, 2002

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

The following individuals attended the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force meeting in Weitchpec, California on June 19, 2002.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Bruce Halstead	USFWS, Arcata Fish & Wildlife Office
Jim Carpenter	Hatfield Upper Klamath Basin Working Group
Stephanie Carpenter	Klamath Watershed
Petey Brucker	Salmon River Restoration Council, TWG Member
Felice Pace	Klamath Forest Alliance
Bill Bennett	California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento
Denver Nelson	Citizen
Dwight Russell	California Department of Water Resources/Compact Commission
Dave Webb	Shasta CRMP
David F. Arwood	Klamath Forest Alliance
Richard Myers	Yurok Tribe
Richard Christie	Shasta River CRMP
Toz Soto	Karuk Tribe
Ron Reed	Karuk Tribe
Tim Hayden	Yurok Fisheries
Laurie Simons	USFWS, Yreka Fish & Wildlife Office
Darla Eastman	USFWS, Yreka Fish & Wildlife Office
Sarah Pattee	Recorder

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MOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Motions:

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****Second**** Joan Smith seconded the motion.
****Motion Passed**** unanimously.

Agendum 2b

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Agendum 3

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Agendum 3

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Agendum 7b

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Agendum 7b

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